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### CHAPTER 534 S.P. 604 - L.D. 1653

#### An Act To Authorize the Town of Verona To Change Its Name

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Town of Verona requires approval from the Legislature in order to hold an election on March 27, 2004 to change the name of the town to "Town of Verona Island"; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1204-A, sub-§41, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 289, §1, is amended to read:

A. In Hancock County, the minor civil divisions of Orland and Verona Island;

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §66-A, sub-§5, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 291, §2, is amended to read:

B. Commissioner District Number 2, in the County of Hancock, consists of the minor civil divisions of Brooklin, Brooksville, Bucksport, Castine, Dedham, Deer Isle, Orland, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Stonington and Verona Island. The term of office of the commissioner from this district expires in 2006 and every 4 years thereafter.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §469, sub-§2, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 698, §15, is amended to read:

H. Verona Island.

(1) Tidal waters lying northerly of the southernmost point of land on Verona Island - Class SC.

**Sec. 4. P&SL 1861, c. 25, §4** is enacted to read:

**Sec. 4.** Wherever the word "Verona" appears or reference is made to the Town of Verona it means "Verona Island."

**Sec. 5. Referendum; effective date.** This Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Town of Verona at a special or regular town meeting or election held prior to January 1, 2005. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the town clerk to post a new list of voters. The registrar of voters must be in session on the secular day next preceding the

election. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Do you favor changing the name of the Town of Verona to 'Town of Verona Island'? "

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion on the question.

The results must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Verona and due certificate of the results filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters in the Town of Verona at the election.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective pending referendum.